

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT
30TH JUNE, 1956

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative
30TH JUNE, 1956

ADULT MALES

| Industry and Occupation | SYDNEY | | MELBOURNE | |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | Rates of Wage | Hours | Rates of Wage | Hours |
| <u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u> | | | | |
| | s. | d. | s. | d. |
| <u>COOPERING -</u> | | | | |
| Cooper | 328/- | 40 | 333/- | 40 |
| <u>FURNITURE -</u> | | | | |
| Cabinet Maker | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Chairmaker | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| French Polisher | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Wood Carver | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Wood Machinist | 328/- | " | 275/- to 320/- | " |
| <u>WHILLING & TIMBER YDS.-</u> | | | | |
| Box and Case Maker | 293/- | " | 285/- | " |
| Labourer | 267/- | " | 250/- | " |
| Machinist - | | | | |
| Boults Carver | 323/- | " | 315/- | " |
| Moulding | 283/6 & 323/- | " | 275/6 & 315/- | " |
| Planing | 296/- & 323/- | " | 288/- & 315/- | " |
| Shaping | 323/- | " | 315/- | " |
| Orderman | 301/- | " | 293/- | " |
| Sawyer - | | | | |
| Band or Jig | 295/6 to 328/- | " | 287/6 to 320/- | " |
| Circular | 298/- & 320/- | " | 290/- & 312/- | " |
| Tallyman | 296/- | " | 288/- | " |
| <u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u> | | | | |
| <u>BOILERMAKING -</u> | | | | |
| Boilermaker | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Helper | 276/- | " | 268/- | " |
| Labourer | 262/- | " | 254/- | " |
| <u>BRASSWORKING-</u> | | | | |
| Finisher | 303/- & 328/- | " | 295/- & 320/- | " |
| Moulder | 281/- to 328/- | " | 273/- to 320/- | " |
| <u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u> | | | | |
| Electrical Fitter | 337/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Linesman | 329/- | " | 302/6 | " |
| Electric Mechanic | 337/- | " | 320/- | " |
| <u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY-</u> | | | | |
| Electrical Fitter* | 368/- | " | 346/- | " |
| Instrument Maker* | 392/- | " | 371/- | " |
| Linesman | 353/6 & 368/- | " | 313/6 to 331/- | " |
| Sub Station Maintenance Fitter | 386/- | " | 346/- | " |
| <u>ENGINEERING-</u> | | | | |
| Blacksmith | 330/6 | " | 322/6 | " |
| Brassfinisher | 303/- & 328/- | " | 295/- & 320/- | " |
| Coppersmith | 330/6 | " | 322/6 | " |
| Fitter | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |

*Additional amount of 15/- per week payable if working at power Stations.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT² MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (Contd.)

| Industry and Occupation | SYDNEY | | MELBOURNE | |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | Rates of Wage | Hours | Rates of Wage | Hours |
| <u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Cont'd)</u> | | | | |
| | s. d. | | s. d. | |
| <u>ENGINEERING - (Cont'd.)</u> | | | | |
| Labourer | 262/- | 40 | 254/- | 40 |
| Patternmaker | 350/6 | " | 342/6 | " |
| Shaper | 303/- & 328/- | " | 295/- & 320/- | " |
| Striker | 276/- & 280/6 | " | 268/- & 272/6 | " |
| Turner | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| <u>FOUNDRY</u> | | | | |
| Coremakers-machine | 281/- to 303/- | " | 273/- to 295/- | " |
| Coremakers - jobbing | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Dressers | 281/- to 300/6 | " | 273/- to 292/6 | " |
| Furnacemen | 290/6 to 298/- | " | 282/6 to 290/- | " |
| Moulders - machine | 281/- to 303/- | " | 273/- to 295/- | " |
| Moulders - jobbing | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| <u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u> | | | | |
| Canister Maker | 283/- | " | 275/- | " |
| Machinist | 275/- | " | 267/- | " |
| Solderer | 275/- & 283/- | " | 267/- & 275/- | " |
| Sheet metal worker 1st class | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Sheet metal worker, 2nd class | 303/- | " | 295/- | " |
| <u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u> | | | | |
| <u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u> | | | | |
| Board Hand | 339/- | 40 | 355/- | 38 |
| Bread Carter (1 horse) | 304/- | " | 327/6 | 40 |
| Ovensman | 347/6 | " | 355/- | 38 |
| Single Hand | 344/- | " | 378/4 | 38 |
| <u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u> | | | | |
| Baker | 307/- | " | 306/- | 40 |
| General Labourer | 274/6 | " | 276/- | " |
| Mixer | 289/- & 294/6 | " | 306/- | " |
| <u>BREWING -</u> | | | | |
| Cellarman | 295/- & 302/- | " | 295/- | " |
| Driver (Motor 3 tons) | 309/- | " | 300/9 | " |
| Labourer | 295/- | " | 288/- | " |
| Malt Hand | 295/- | " | 293/- | " |
| Towerman | 302/- | " | 295/- | " |
| <u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u> | | | | |
| Carter (1 horse) | 296/- | " | 288/- | " |
| General Butcher | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Shopman | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Smallgoodsman | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| <u>CONFECTIONERY -</u> | | | | |
| Confectioner (Grade 1) | 313/- | " | 302/- | " |
| Storeman | 296/- | " | 299/6 | " |
| <u>JAM MAKING -</u> | | | | |
| General labourer | 272/- | " | 272/- | " |
| Solderer | 277/- | " | 277/- | " |
| <u>MEAT PACKING -</u> | | | | |
| Capper | 314/- | " | 334/- | " |
| Guillotine Hand | 293/- | " | 306/- | " |
| Jokerman | 307/- | " | 330/- | " |
| Packer | 293/- | " | 330/- | " |
| Seamer | 314/- | " | 334/- | " |
| <u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u> | | | | |
| Miller (Shift) | 322/6 to 360/- | " | 322/6 to 360/- | " |
| Packerman | 298/- | " | 298/- | " |
| Purifierman | 302/6 | " | 302/6 | " |
| Smuttermen | 302/6 | " | 302/6 | " |
| Storeman (Head) | 305/- & 313/- | " | 305/- & 313/- | " |
| Topman | 302/6 | " | 302/6 | " |
| <u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u> | | | | |
| Packer | 289/- | " | 274/- | " |
| Pastrycook | 323/- | " | 325/- | " |

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (CONT'D)

| Industry and Occupation | SYDNEY | | MELBOURNE | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|---------|
| | Rates of Wage | Hours | Rates of Wage | Hours |
| <u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u> | | | | |
| <u>BOOTMAKING -</u> | s. d. | | s. d. | |
| Bootmaker | 302/- | 40 | 302/- | 40 |
| <u>TAILORING (ORDER)-</u> | | | | |
| Cutter | 381/- | " | 329/- | " |
| Presser | 297/- | " | 297/- | " |
| Tailor | 306/- | " | 306/- | " |
| <u>TAILORING (READYMADE)-</u> | | | | |
| Cutter | 310/- | " | 310/- | " |
| Presser | 297/- | " | 297/- | " |
| Tailor | 306/- | " | 306/- | " |
| Trimmer | 297/- | " | 297/- | " |
| <u>TEXTILE WORKING -</u> | | | | |
| <u>(Woollen Mills)-</u> | | | | |
| Carder | 280/- | " | 280/- | " |
| Dyehouseman | 280/- | " | 280/- | " |
| Labourer(General) | 251/- | " | 251/- | " |
| Scourer (Wool) | 280/- | " | 280/- & 289/6 | " |
| Spinner | 280/- | " | 280/- | " |
| Loom tuner | 276/- to 348/- | " | 276/- to 318/- | " |
| Warper (Plain) | 283/- | " | 283/- | " |
| <u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u> | | | | |
| <u>BOOKBINDING -</u> | | | | |
| Finisher | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Bookbinder | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Paper Ruler | 320/- | " | 320/- | " |
| <u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u> | | | | |
| <u>Compositor(Machine) -</u> | | | | |
| Day Work | 390/6 to 416/- | " | 400/6 | 38 |
| Night Work | 410/6 to 436/- | " | 425/6 | " |
| <u>Machinist (First Hand)-</u> | | | | |
| Day Work | 359/6 to 371/- | " | 385/9 | 40 |
| Night Work | 379/6 to 391/- | " | 410/9 | 38 |
| <u>Publisher - (Day & Night)</u> | 329/6 to 366/- | " | 320/3 to 370/9 | 38 & 40 |
| <u>Reader -</u> | | | | |
| Day Work | 362/6 & 381/- | " | 376/- | 40 |
| Night Work | 382/6 & 401/- | " | 401/- | 38 |
| <u>Stereotyper -</u> | | | | |
| Day Work | 362/- to 371/- | " | 381/3 | 39 |
| Night Work | 382/- to 391/- | " | 406/3 | 38 |
| <u>PRINTING (JOBING OFFICES)-</u> | | | | |
| Compositor | 328/- to 350/6 | " | 320/- to 342/6 | 40 |
| Linotype Operator | 350/6 | " | 342/6 | " |
| Machinist | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Reader | 335/6 | " | 327/6 | " |
| Stereotyper | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| <u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u> | | | | |
| <u>BRICKMAKING -</u> | | | | |
| Burner | 296/6 & 304/6 | 40 | 307/- | 40 |
| Pitman | 319/6 | " | 321/6 & 327/6 | " |
| Drawer | 326/6 | " | 306/6 to 319/- | " |
| Trucker | 315/- | " | 301/- | " |
| Setter | 326/6 | " | 306/6 & 319/- | " |
| <u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u> | | | | |
| Bodysmaker, 1st Class | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |
| Labourer | 256/- | " | 248/- | " |
| Painter | 281/6 to 320/6 | " | 273/6 to 312/6 | " |
| Springmaker | 304/- to 328/- | " | 296/- to 320/- | " |
| Trimmer | 303/- & 320/6 | " | 295/- & 312/6 | " |
| Wheelwright | 328/- | " | 320/- | " |

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WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956(Cont'd.)

| Industry and Occupation | SYDNEY | | MELBOURNE | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | Rates of Wage | Hours | Rates of Wage | Hours |
| <u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)</u> | | | | |
| <u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u> | s. d. | | s. d. | |
| Coke Trimmer | 285/- | 40 | 277/- | 40 |
| Gasfitter | 349/- | " | 336/9 | " |
| Labourer | 272/- | " | 271/- | " |
| Meter Tester | 293/- & 308/- | " | 306/- | " |
| Service Layer | 313/- | " | 298/6 | " |
| Service Layer's Labourer | 282/- | " | 274/- | " |
| Stoker | 303/- | " | 296/- | " |
| <u>JEWELLERY -</u> | | | | |
| Chainmaker | 326/- | " | 331/- | " |
| Mounter | 301/- to 341/- | " | 306/- to 346/- | " |
| Setter | 326/- to 341/- | " | 318/6 to 346/- | " |
| <u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK</u> | | | | |
| Canvas Worker | 293/- to 305/- | " | 285/- to 297/- | " |
| Leather Worker | 299/- to 305/- | " | 292/- to 297/- | " |
| <u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u> | | | | |
| Beamsman | 306/6 | " | 298/6 | " |
| Labourer | 276/6 | " | 268/6 | " |
| Linememan | 298/6 | " | 290/6 | " |
| Machinist - | | | | |
| Shaving | 307/6 to 315/- | " | 299/6 to 307/- | " |
| Stitching | 321/6 to 331/6 | " | 313/6 to 323/6 | " |
| Unhairing | 306/6 | " | 298/6 | " |
| Tableman | 300/6 to 307/6 | " | 292/6 to 299/6 | " |
| <u>BUILDING *</u> | | | | |
| Bricklayer(Surface) | 373/4 | 40 | 369/2 | 40 |
| Bricklayer(sewer and tunnel) | 386/8 | " | 384/9 | " |
| Carpenter | 380/- | " | 358/6 | " |
| Mason (Stone) | 358/- | " | 327/-(a) | " |
| Painter | 361/8 | " | 366/8 | " |
| Paperhanger | 361/8 | " | 366/8 | " |
| Signwriter | 374/2 | " | 366/8 | " |
| Plasterer(Surface) | 368/3 | " | 369/2 | " |
| Plumber | 369/9 | " | 370/3 | " |
| Labourer - | | | | |
| Bricklayer's | 306/8 | " | 293/4 | " |
| Carpenter's | 306/8 | " | 293/4 | " |
| Concrete Worker | 306/8 | " | 293/4 | " |
| Earth Excavator | 306/8 | " | 293/4 | " |
| Gear Worker | 317/6 | " | 304/2 | " |
| Scaffold Hand | 317/6 | " | 304/2 | " |
| <u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u> | | | | |
| <u>RAILWAYS</u> | | | | |
| <u>Engine Driver Loco -</u> | | | | |
| Steam, diesel electric or electric | 375/- & 390/- | Ø | 375/- & 390/- | Ø |
| Express mail or passenger | 405/- | Ø | 405/- | Ø |
| Shunting Engine | 330/- & 345/- | Ø | 322/6-& 331/6 | Ø |
| <u>Fireman</u> | | | | |
| Ordinary | 292/6 & 307/6 | Ø | 292/6-& 307/6 | Ø |
| Express mail or passenger | 315/- | Ø | 315/- | Ø |
| Shunting Engine | 279/- to 288/6 | Ø | 273/6 to 288/6 | Ø |
| <u>Guard</u> | | | | |
| 1st Class | 315/- to 333/- | Ø | 348/- | Ø |
| 2nd Class | 309/- | Ø | 311/- to 333/- | Ø |
| <u>Porter-</u> | 272/- to 278/- | Ø | 272/6 to 305/- | Ø |
| <u>Shunter-</u> | | | | |
| Head | 367/6 to 393/- | + | | + |
| Leading | 325/6 to 351/6 | + | 325/6 to 363/6 | + |
| Ordinary | 288/- to 309/- | + | 288/- to 309/- | + |

* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job etc.
(a) Rate for Stonemason.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (Continued)

| | SYDNEY | | MELBOURNE | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------|
| | Rates of Wage | Hours | Rates of Wage | Hours |
| RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (CONT'D) | | | | |
| | s. | d. | s. | d. |
| RAILWAYS(Con'td) | | | | |
| Signalman - | | | | |
| 1st Class | 371/6 | + | 345/- | + |
| 2nd Class | 356/6 | ø | 328/- | ø |
| 3rd Class | 345/- | ø | 315/- | ø |
| TRAMWAYS - | | | | |
| Conductor - | | | | |
| 1st Year | 278/6 | ø | 279/- | ø |
| 2nd Year | 293/6 | ø | 294/6 | ø |
| Thereafter | 293/6 | ø | 294/6 | ø |
| Labourer | 271/6 | ø | 274/- | ø |
| Track Repairer | 279/- & 292/- | ø | 282/- | ø |
| Motorman- | | | | |
| 1st Year | 301/- | ø | 301/- | ø |
| 2nd Year | 301/- | ø | 301/- | ø |
| Thereafter | 301/- | ø | 301/- | ø |
| Pitman | 308/6 | ø | 305/- | ø |
| + 76 hours per fortnight | | ø 80 hours per fortnight. | | |
| TRANSPORT (OTHER) | | | | |
| CARRYING MERCHANDISE - | | | | |
| Carter - | | | | |
| 1 Horse | 289/- | 40 | 268/6 | 40 |
| 2 Horses | 296/- | " | 281/- | " |
| Stable Hand | 286/6 | " | 263/- | " |
| Motor Lorries & Waggon - | | | | |
| 3 tons | 310/- | " | 290/6 | " |
| Over 3 tons but under | | | | |
| 6 tons | 314/- to 322/- | " | 300/- | " |
| WHARF LABOUR - | | | | |
| Wharf Labourer (per hour) | 8/10 | | 3/10 | |
| HOTELS ETC. | | | | |
| HOTELS - | | | | |
| Barman | 293/- | 40 | 285/- | 40 |
| Billiard Marker | 273/- | " | 265/- | " |
| Cook | 283/- to 368/- | " | 275/- to 360/- | " |
| Handyman | 273/- | " | 265/- | " |
| Kitchenman | 273/- | " | 265/- | " |
| Porter | 273/- | " | 265/- | " |
| Waiter | 273/- | " | 265/- | " |
| HAIRDRESSING - | | | | |
| Hairdresser (Mens) | 311/- to 321/- | " | 321/- | " |
| GENERAL LABOUR | | | | |
| FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING - | | | | |
| Engine Driver - | | | | |
| 1st Class | 305/6 & 316/- | 40 | 297/6 & 308/- | 40 |
| 2nd Class | 295/- & 305/6 | " | 287/- & 297/6 | " |
| Fireman - | | | | |
| 1st Class | 298/- | " | 290/- | " |
| 2nd Class | 285/6 | " | 277/6 | " |
| MUNICIPAL - | | | | |
| Labourer | 313/- | " | 272/6 | " |
| Street Sweeper | 324/- | " | 278/- | " |
| SHOP ASSISTANTS - | | | | |
| Boot Salesman | 308/- | " | 306/- | " |
| Drapery Salesman | 308/- | " | 306/- | " |
| Furniture Salesman | 308/- | " | 310/- | " |
| Grocery Salesman | 308/- | " | 300/6 | " |
| Hardware Salesman | 308/- | " | 306/- | " |
| Men's Clothing Salesman | 308/- | " | 306/- | " |
| STOREMAN AND PACKERS - | | | | |
| Packer (General) | 293/6 & 297/6 | " | 299/6 | " |
| Storeman (General) | 293/6 & 297/6 | " | 299/6 | " |

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (Cont'd)

| Industry and Occupation | SYDNEY. | | MELBOURNE | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | Rates of Wage | Hours | Rates of Wage | Hours |
| | <u>FOOD.</u> | | | |
| | s. d. | | s. d. | |
| Biscuit Making | 194/- | 40 | 212/- | 40 |
| Confectionery | 206/- | " | 207/- | " |
| | <u>CLOTHING & TEXTILES</u> | | | |
| Bootmaking | 206/6 | 40 | 206/6 | 40 |
| Dressmaking | 190/6 to 220/6 | " | 190/6 to 220/6 | " |
| Millinery | 190/6 to 220/6 | " | 190/6 to 220/6 | " |
| Shirt Making | 190/6 to 220/6 | " | 190/6 to 220/6 | " |
| Underclothing | 190/6 to 220/6 | " | 190/6 to 220/6 | " |
| <u>TAILORING - ORDER -</u> | | | | |
| Coat Hand (Machinist) | 220/6 | " | 220/6 | " |
| Trousers & Vest Hand | 208/- | " | 208/- | " |
| Tailoress | 236/6 | " | 236/6 | " |
| Adult Female | 190/6 | " | 190/6 | " |
| <u>TAILORING - READYMADE -</u> | | | | |
| Coat Hand (Machinist) | 210/6 | " | 210/6 | " |
| Trousers & Vest Hand | 205/6 | " | 205/6 | " |
| Tailoress | 297/6 | " | 297/6 | " |
| Adult Female | 190/6 | " | 190/6 | " |
| <u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS</u> | | | | |
| Comb Minder | 204/6 | " | 204/6 | " |
| Darner & Mender | 206/6 & 209/6 | " | 206/6 & 209/6 | " |
| Warper, Plain | 206/6 | " | 206/6 | " |
| Weaver (Loom) | 209/6 | " | 209/6 | " |
| Gillbox Minder | 202/6 | " | 202/6 | " |
| Other Adult | 188/6 | " | 188/6 | " |
| | <u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u> | | | |
| <u>BOOKBINDING -</u> | | | | |
| Folder | 213/6 | 40 | 207/6 | 40 |
| Sewer | 213/6 | " | 207/6 | " |
| <u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u> | | | | |
| Boxmaker | 211/6 to 218/- | " | 205/6 to 212/- | " |
| Other | 202/- | " | 196/- | " |
| <u>Printing -</u> | | | | |
| Jobbing Office Assistant | 213/6 | " | 207/6 | " |
| | <u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u> | | | |
| <u>HOTELS -</u> | | | | |
| Barmaid | 227/- | 40 | 285/- | 40 |
| Housemaid | 206/6 | " | 200/6 | " |
| Laundress | 207/6 | " | 201/6 | " |
| Waitress - Head | 213/6 | " | 207/6 | " |
| Other | 206/6 | " | 200/6 | " |
| <u>RESTAURANTS -</u> | | | | |
| Pantry Maid | 199/6 | " | 201/9 | " |
| Waitress | 199/6 | " | 201/9 | " |
| <u>CLERKS -</u> | | | | |
| Cashiers (Shops) | 224/- | " | 234/6 | " |
| Clerical Assistants | 217/- | " | 234/6 | " |
| <u>SHOPS</u> | | | | |
| Boot Saleswoman | 224/- & 308/- | " | 217/- | " |
| Drapery Saleswoman | 224/- & 308/- | " | 217/- & 303/6 | " |
| Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman | 224/- | " | 213/- | " |
| Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman | 224/- | " | 199/6 & 206/- | " |